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Office of General Counsel
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Washington, D.C. 20463

RE: Kimberly Mermis and James Mermis
MUR 5871

Dear Ms. Ligon:

Please be advised that I am counsel representing both Kimberly Mermis and James Mermis in regard to MUR 5871. For your file, I have enclosed the Statement of Designation of Counsel to authorize my representation in regard to both individuals on this pending matter.

Pursuant to the correspondence dated April 27, 2007 sent to Mr. and Mrs. Mermis by Robert Lenhard, Chairman, Federal Election Commission, it is my understanding that we have fifteen (15) calendar days from date of receipt to respond to the MUR actual and legal analysis in regard to the instant case. However, my clients received the correspondence on Monday, April 30, 2007. Additionally, the package did not obtain the complete and full package of information. I have enclosed a copy of the facsimile transmission sheet from which your office subsequently forwarded to my attention on May 3, 2007 the additional information that was missing from the package. Therefore, I would respectfully request an extension on behalf of both of my clients with which to file the appropriate response. Due to my existing court schedule and results of travels out of State for Federal Court matters in California, I would respectfully request that the extension with which to file an answer be extended to Thursday, May 24, 2007. I would respectfully request that this extension be granted as a result of counsel's schedule.

Pursuant to discussions with my clients, both Mr. and Mrs. Mermis would be interested in the possibility of entering into conciliation in an effort to resolve this matter without a finding of probable cause in regard to a potential violation. Based upon the statements contained in the factual and legal analysis by the Commission, there is significant information that we can provide to the Commission in regard to both Mr. and Mrs. Mermis. I have represented Mr. Mermis for the past several years in regard to several State and Federal investigations that were being conducted in regard to information contained in the factual and legal analysis of the MUR. I will outline this position in more detail in our response as stated above of which I am respectfully requesting an extension with which to file.

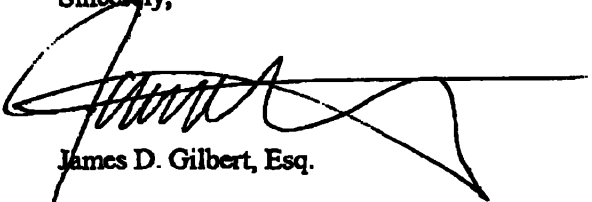
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If there are any questions or if there are any issues pertaining to the content of this correspondence, please direct it to my attention at your earliest convenience. I will be in and out of Court over the next two (2) weeks. However, will make every effort to respond to e-mails, faxes and/or telephone voice mails if I am unavailable at that time. I look forward to hearing from you in regard to confirmation of the request for an extension and also review of the possibility of reaching conciliation in this matter. Thank you for assistance and cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James D. Gilbert', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

James D. Gilbert, Esq.

JDG/tc

c: James & Kimberly Mermis

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(Respondent/Witness)

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The above named individual is hereby designated as my counsel and is authorized to receive any notifications and other communications from the Commission and to act on my behalf before the Commission.

5/3/07

Date


Signature

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Kimberly A. Mermis
Signature

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